

A3/A



PATENT  
Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No.: 3495.0174-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re appln. of )  
)  
Laurent COEN et al. )  
)  
Serial No.: 09/816,467 ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1633  
)  
Filed: March 26, 2001 ) Prior Examiner: S. Chen

For: HYBRID PROTEINS THAT MIGRATE RETROGRADELY AND  
TRANSYNAPTICALLY INTO THE CNS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application on the merits, please enter the  
following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, the paragraph beginning at line 21, please replace with the following  
paragraph:

FIGURE 1A and FIGURE 1B show the DNA sequence and amino acid sequence  
of the TTC fragment cloned in pBS:TTC.

Page 19, last paragraph, beginning at line 17 and continuing through page 20,  
line 13, please replace with the following paragraph:

Full length TTC DNA was generated from the genomic DNA from the *Clostridium*  
*Tetani* strain (a gift from Dr. M. Popoff, Institut Pasteur) using PCR. Three overlapping

145859